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After Mother suddenly fell ill while living in the countryside
Tamaki went to pay her a visit and lend a helping hand
Be careful with the fire and remember to eat properly, okay?
I get it already.

I still have college classes, so I won't stay there for long.
I'll give you a call if anything comes up.
Onii-chan, you should...
I get it
I get it already!

...I guess that's true.
Onii-chan is all grown up now, huh.
I'm not a kid anymore!
and you're even younger than me, Tamaki!!
I'll be fine!

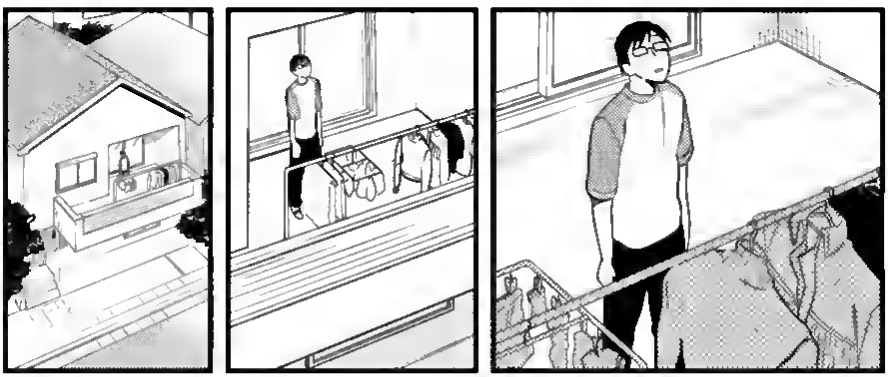
I'm off!
What? That's awful!
Your super-imouto takes care of most of the housework, right?
What will you do when she's not around?
My sister just wants to do everything by herself, so I let her do it, that's all.
I could do all of it by myself if I wanted to!
I don't know about that...
Well, the sooner your sister comes back, the better.
Just suddenly being alone is pretty rough, you know.
Hmm~

Waha
hah
There's no way that can be true!
Anyone can do housework.
It's just a matter of doing it or not.
I'll just have to use my own strength!
Now then, I normally couldn't do this, because Tamaki always nagged at me,
but since I have tomorrow off, I can eat whatever I want
and play video games in the living room until morning.
Being alone is AWE-SOME!!

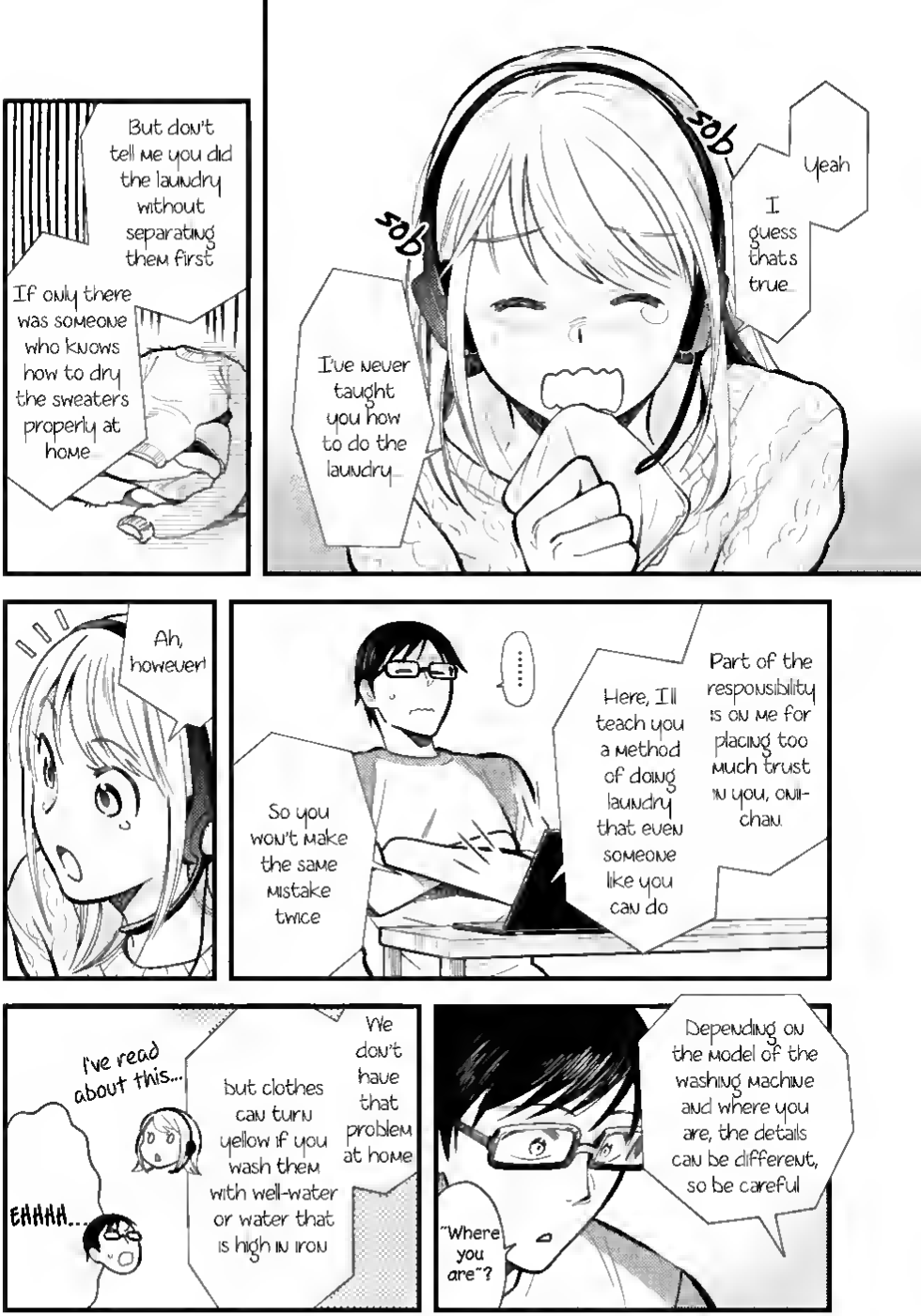
chirp chirp
It's morning...
slowly...
I should do the laundry...
NO, THAT'S NOT "WHATEVER" AT ALL!!
Hm? What is this stain...?
Oh well
Whatever, it's just a T-shirt.
...Huh?

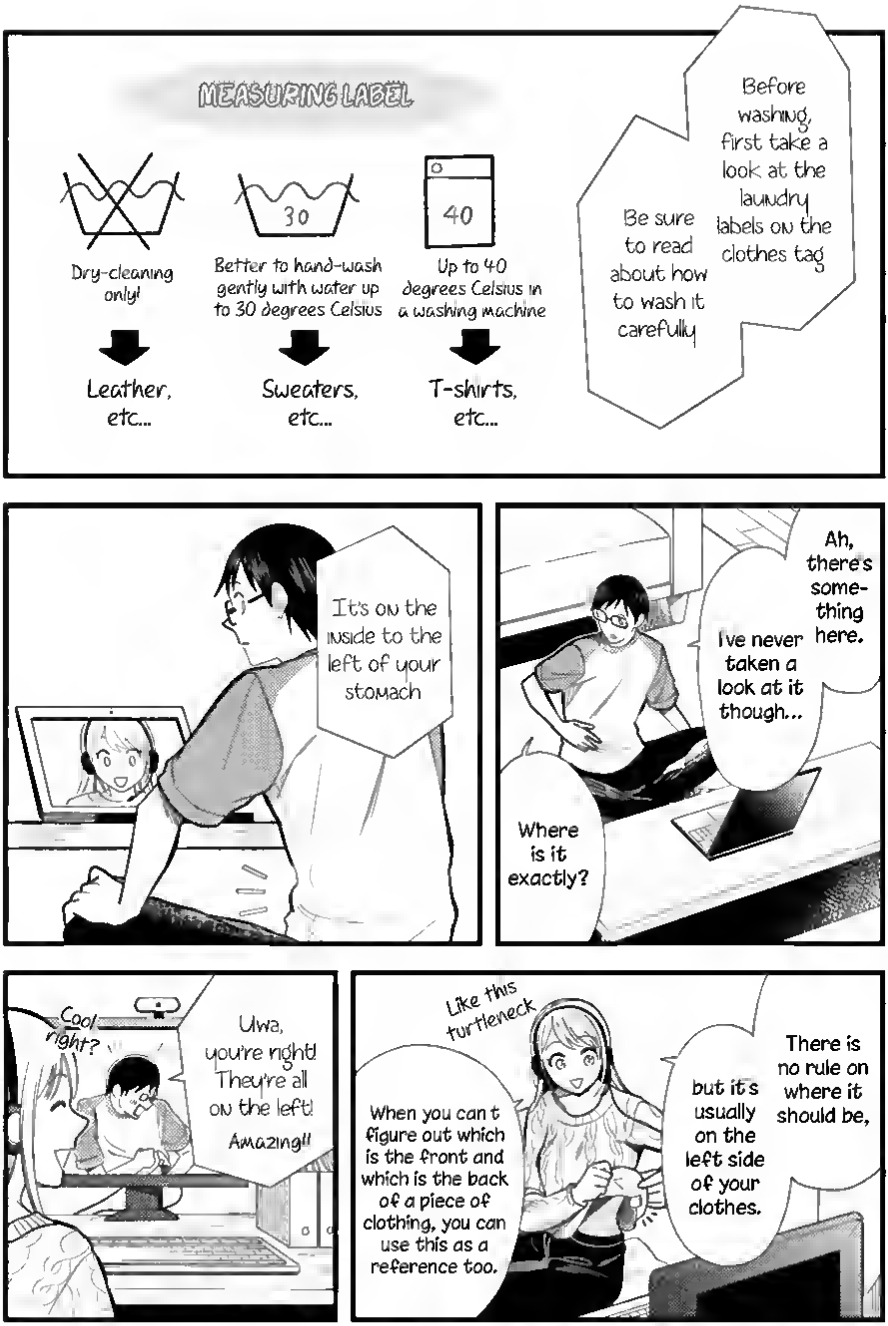
Just stuff everything into the washing machine.
TOSS
TOSS
Pour in some detergent...
ずらっ
.....?
The laundry huh...
Now, put in the detergent and with a push of a button...
Ah.
Got it! It's this one! This one is for the laundry!!
rustle clatter
Why are there so many types? Which one should I use...
Wait, what?
Wait, wait, calm down.
I'm sure once they're dry, they'll turn back to normal.
Definitely!!
PIPI (Finishing sound)
Hmm...?
What the!
That's weird...

crumple...
I don't think they'll turn back to normal.



Ring ring...
Hello? Onii-chan? What's the matter?
Ueah, it's Tamaki here
Sorry for calling so suddenly, but we need to talk. Please borrow Dad's laptop
Here we go...
I'll be faster if you see for yourself...
?
Just what in the world ?
Is this okay?
Tell me what's wrong
TURN
!?
GYAAAAA
THIS IS THE WORK OF THE DEVIL~!!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!!
THIS IS HELL ON EARTH!!
THIS IS HELL!!


But don't tell me you did the laundry without separating them first
If only there was someone who knows how to dry the sweaters properly at home
sob
sob
I've never taught you how to do the laundry
Yeah I guess that's true
Ah, however!
So you won't make the same mistake twice
Here, I'll teach you a method of doing laundry that even someone like you can do
Part of the responsibility is on me for placing too much trust in you, onii-chan
I've read about this...
EHHHH...
but clothes can turn yellow if you wash them with well-water or water that is high in iron
We don't have that problem at home
"Where you are"?
Depending on the model of the washing machine and where you are, the details can be different, so be careful


MEASURING LABEL
30
40
Dry-cleaning only!
Better to hand-wash gently with water up to 30 degrees Celsius
Up to 40 degrees Celsius in a washing machine
Leather, etc...
Sweaters, etc...
T-shirts, etc...
Before washing, first take a look at the laundry labels on the clothes tag
Be sure to read about how to wash it carefully
It's on the inside to the left of your stomach
Ah, there's something here.
I've never taken a look at it though...
Where is it exactly?
Cool right?
Uwa, you're right! They're all on the left!
Amazing!!
Like this turtleneck
When you can't figure out which is the front and which is the back of a piece of clothing, you can use this as a reference too.
but it's usually on the left side of your clothes.
There is no rule on where it should be,

So then,
with the majority of clothes, you can just set the machine to "Normal",
but for the clothes marked with "hand-wash"
you can use the wash bowl in the bathroom to clean them
Looks like I can't be lazy with this one...
We have detergent used specifically for fashion clothing too Use those
Ah
There were so many types of detergents. I couldn't figure out which to use at all.
You need to read them more carefully~
Liquid detergent, detergent for fashion clothing, bleach
and collar detergent
Col-lar!?

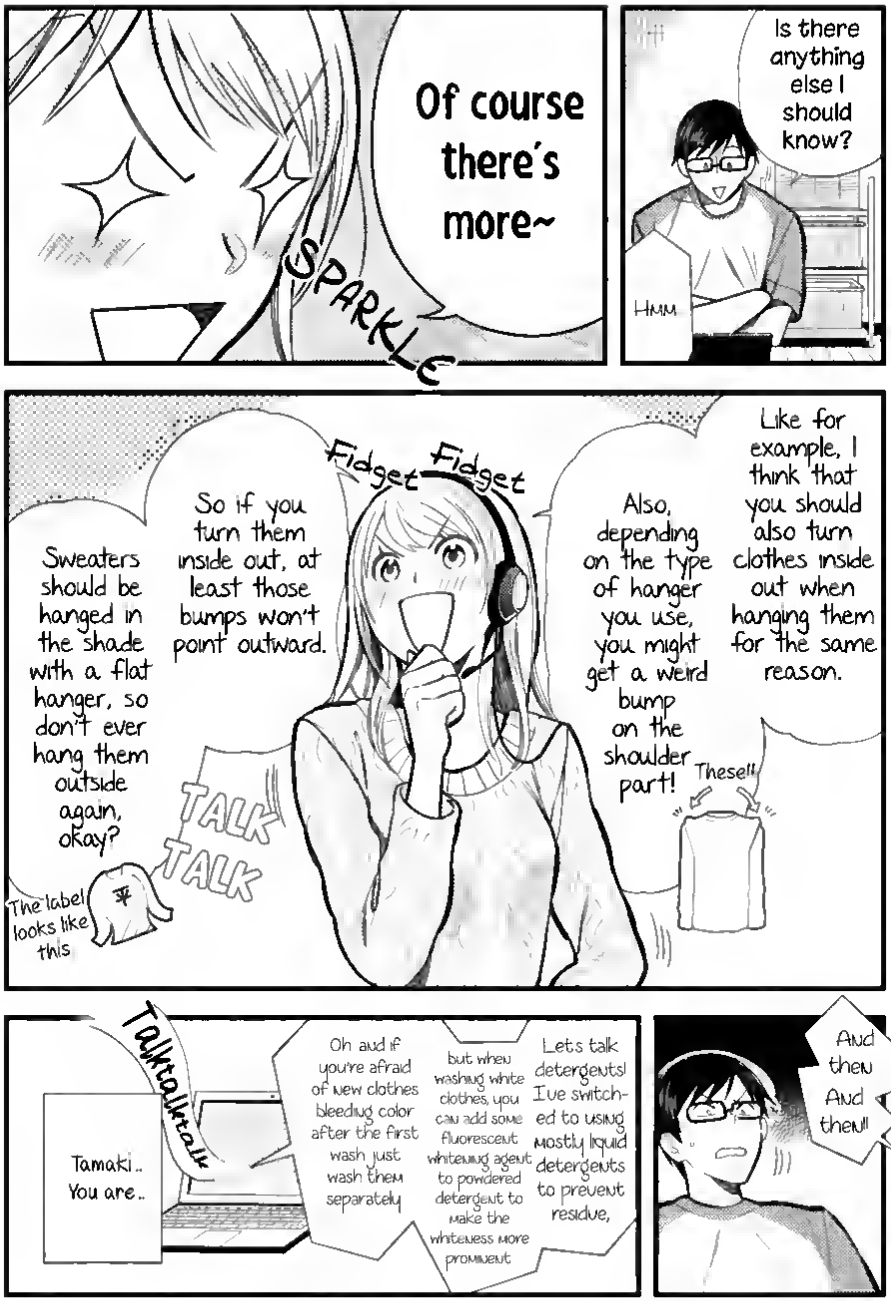
So there are specific types of detergent too.
Hagaa~
Not only that
that one is used exclusively for you, Onii-chan
!?
When we first started living by ourselves
we used to fight over how the chores should be split up,
chew
crunch
and then I ended up doing every-thing.
Back then, I've realized something when I was doing the laundry
If they're too noticeable, I still use bleach,
but I still want those clothes to last long, so I had to find another way to wash them properly everyday
The sweat stains on men's collars cannot be washed away with normal detergent.

Eh? Eh!?
What!?
Tamaki~!
Ta
T
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
Is she an angel?
It was nothing
You handled all of our finances with your job, so it's 50 - 50
Ah, no, it was nothing!

Whenever you wear a piece of clothing, it will inevitably get a bit damaged.
The same thing happens whenever you wash them too.
So that's why you have to be meticulous with the way you wash.
By doing so, your clothes will last longer.

It is important to look at the tag before washing
1
Put easily damaged clothes in a washing net before washing
2
Turn the clothes inside out when putting them into a washing machine
3
Remember this!
Hm?
Turn them inside out?
What for?

Oohhh~
And turning them inside out will reduce the damage done to the outer layer
It protects the machine from lint too!!
so that's why you use a net to protect them from entangling with each other
They'll get damaged by friction otherwise,
Twist


Of course there's more~
SPARKLE
Is there anything else I should know?
Hmm
Fidget Fidget
Sweaters should be hanged in the shade with a flat hanger, so don't ever hang them outside again, okay?
So if you turn them inside out, at least those bumps won't point outward.
Also, depending on the type of hanger you use, you might get a weird bump on the shoulder part!
Like for example, I think that you should also turn clothes inside out when hanging them for the same reason.
TALK TALK
The label looks like this
These!!
Talktalktalk
Tamaki.. You are..
Oh and if you're afraid of new clothes bleeding color after the first wash just wash them separately
but when washing white clothes, you can add some fluorescent whitening agent to powdered detergent to make the whiteness more prominent
Lets talk detergents! I've switched to using mostly liquid detergents to prevent residue,
And then And then!!

You are one obsessive angel...
And then...
Like tissues and such They'll mess up your clothes
Before loading them into the washing machine, be sure to check if there's anything inside the pockets!
And then there're your pants onii-chan!
Every piece of clothing you've bought yourself is something valuable
and you should always treat them with care, whether you're washing or wearing, okay?
Well, I should start slowly with what I can do first...
Ha
Yeah, yeah! Just to a reasonable extent!
Well, at least for now
I've learned a lot today, thank you.
Okaaay, see you later~
Oh well...

Thank god!!!
But I'm just glad my clothes are still fine!
The laundry is done~
I still have a lot of things that I have to teach onii-chan
My clothes!
They've turned yellow!?
Geh
Uwaaaa~, are you serious?
Oops, forgot to tell you that this house uses well water.

#12 END

MB's Note

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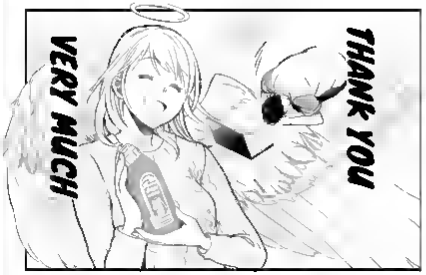
Lengthening your relationship with good clothes



After you've finally bought an expensive piece of clothing, you'd want it to last as long as possible. And inevitably you'd of course need to wash it.

However, how you wash your clothes is extremely important. Wash an indigo piece of denim and the dye will get everywhere. Wash a wool jacket, and it'll shrink to half its size, sticking lint balls everywhere. Try to hang a sweater out to dry, and the material will stretch. There's just too many kinds of trouble when it comes to laundry. If you ever wash an important piece of clothing, make sure to research beforehand.

With that out of the way, let me introduce you to an important technique. Since forever, white shirts have been my favorite type of clothes. I have no less than 30 of them in my house, and the biggest issue that I have is with stained collars. Even if I've only worn them a few times, before I know it the collar is already graying or stained yellow. White shirts are more complex than a kattosou (t-shirt), so when my 10,000 yen ZARA shirts get a stained collar after 3 or 4 wears, it gets a bit sad.

But have no fear, for I still have a secret trick up my sleeve. Get rid of those fancy laundry detergents and try washing your collars with hand soap! The black and yellow tint on your collars and sleeves are basically sebum and soap is more effective at getting rid of it than detergent. That's because soap is designed to "get rid of dirt and filth of your skin." You can try washing a small part of your collar with soap first and see for yourself. The results might surprise you.

I can't use
this sweater
anymore.

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